

the election of new board members and officers. Every year at our annual meeting we ask the membership to elect new officers and board members. In the past we have done so in a separate business meeting of the membership, but it occurred to us that there is no better place for holding a vote than the Chamber of the House of Representatives, and that's what we're going to do today. I therefore now will read to you the names of the candidates for officers and board members. They're all running unopposed and I therefore ask for a simple "yes" or "no" as I present to you the list of candidates as a slate. So you couldn't have an easier election, and if we're going to do it on the floor of the House, we want to make sure that it's a sure thing, right?

For the Association's eight seats on the 2011 class of the Board of Directors, the candidates are:

Jack Buechner of Missouri
Martin Frost of Texas
Lee Hamilton of Indiana
Jim Kolbe of Arizona
Bob Livingston of Louisiana
Norm Mineta of California
Jim Walsh of New York

All in favor of electing these eight former Members to a 3-year term as our board of directors, please say "aye." All opposed, say "nay." Hearing no opposition, the slate has been elected by the membership.

Next, we will elect our Executive Committee. Connie Morella and I are finishing up the first year of our 2-year term. Therefore, the candidates for another 1-year term as our Executive Committee are:

Barbara Kennelly of Connecticut for Treasurer
Jim Kolbe of Arizona for Secretary
Jim Slattery of Kansas for Past President Exec Member

All in favor of electing these three former Members to another 1-year term on our Executive Committee, please "aye." All opposed, "nay." Hearing no opposition, the slate has been elected by the membership. I thank you all very much.

Now as we come to the conclusion of our program, it is my sad duty to inform the Congress of those former and current Members who have passed away since our last report. This list contains the names of our colleagues and friends, all of whom will be greatly missed. Let me just highlight one name, my close personal friend and our former President, Jay Rhodes. Just a year ago, Jay stood at this very lectern delivering this report to Congress in his capacity as our association's President. That I am reading his name today and the list of these Members who have passed is so very sad for all of us who have been active with our organization and have known Jay so well. Jay was a great leader and dear friend, and we miss his guidance, intelligence, and his humor very, very much. He was someone who cared about all of us and that we all felt close to. It is a lesson

for all of us to appreciate life and to appreciate the friendships that we have and our family and to hold them dear and close to us.

I ask all of you to rise as I read the names as we pay respect to the memory of the people that I am about to list with a moment of silence.

John Adler of New Jersey
Robert Byrd of West Virginia
Emilio Daddario of Connecticut
Robert Duncan of Oregon
Marvin Esch of Michigan
Frank Evans of Colorado
Robert Ellsworth of Kansas
Geraldine Ferraro of New York
Peter H.B. Frelinghuysen, Jr. of New Jersey

Wayne Grisham of California
Robert P. Hanrahan of Illinois
William Harsha of Ohio
Fred Heineman of North Carolina
Arthur Link of North Dakota
Steve Horn of California
James Mann of South Carolina
Karen McCarthy of Missouri
James McClure of Idaho
Owen Pickett of Virginia
Howard Pollock of Alaska
William Ratchford of Connecticut
John J. Rhodes, III of Arizona
Dan Rostenkowski of Illinois
William Bart Saxbe of Ohio
Stephen Solarz of New York
Ted Stevens of Alaska
Tom Vandergriff of Texas
Harold Volkmer of Missouri
Stuyvesant Wainwright, II of New York

William Walsh of New York
Thank you.

That concludes the 41st Report to Congress by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress. We thank the Congress, the Speaker and the Minority Leader for giving us the opportunity to return to this revered Chamber and to report on our Association's activities. We look forward to another active and productive year. We thank all of you, members of the Association

Mrs. MORELLA. The Chair again wishes to thank the former Members of the House for their presence here today.

Before terminating, the Chair would like to invite those former Members whose names were not recorded as being present to give their names to the Reading Clerk.

The meeting is now adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Mark Smith, Ohio Christian University, Circleville, Ohio, offered the following prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, it is with praise and thanksgiving that we cele-

brate this day. As Psalm 118:24 says: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

As we prepare for this session of the people's House, may the wisdom of the Almighty flow to the hearts and minds of all those entrusted with the preservation of our great democracy. May the Spirit of God cause our leaders to detest evil practices and embrace truth and righteousness. May each government official be blessed with Your protection and grace. And may the warmth and smile of the loving God find its place in each person's heart here today.

We also ask for the protection of the great men and women serving around the world who defend our freedom.

We pray these things in the sacred name of our holy God. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. CICILLINE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CICILLINE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONGRATULATING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD SPECIALIST TERRANCE MCKINNEY

(Mr. STUTZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I stand honored to represent Indiana's Third Congressional District, which is home to one of the United States Armed Forces' finest members, Army National Guard Specialist Terrance McKinney.

After a 2-day competition between 14,000 soldiers at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center, Indiana, from April 18-19, National Guard Specialist Terrance McKinney earned the title of Indiana's Army National Guard Soldier of the Year.

McKinney, at age 25, is now joined with 54 others as the best National Guard soldiers in the country.

McKinney was also recognized for his exceptional achievement Friday, May 20, 2011, at Victory Field in Indianapolis and moves on to compete at the regional level.